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systems of medicine is so well known that it need hardly be reiterated here. So far as the Homoeopathic system is concerned, committees after committees appointed by various Governments made favourable recommendations and even the Government of Madras had once constituted a Committee with, I think, Sri B. Somayya, who was once a Judge of the High Court, as a member. So, in the light of the favourable recommendations and also the utterances of distinguished personages at large conferences for the recognition of this Homoeopathic system will the Government give recognition to it and adopt it as one of the systems of medicine to be practised in the institutions run by the State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member, Sri Krishna Ayyar entertains great regard for our ex-Chief Minister. Here is what the ex-Chief Minister Sri Rajagopalachari has minuted in regard to this matter :

'I am clearly of opinion that we should content ourselves with modern medicine practitioners and indigenous medical practitioners. Let Homœopathystry in their own way without expecting patronage of any kind.' "

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir, The Hon. Minister said the other day that along with him the ex-Chief Minister was a lay man. May I cite that observation now against this present quotation."

Bifurcation of the Ponnani taluk in Malabar

* 2292 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 426 given on 17th December 1954, whether the Government have taken a final decision on the question of the bifurcation of the Ponnani taluk, Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" No, Sir. The Government have called for certain particulars from the Board of Revenue."

* 2293 *Q.*—

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri N. Paramasiva Udayar is not in his seat. The question will be answered at the end of the question hour on the request of the hon. Member."

Allotment for Harijan Welfare in Ponneri taluk

* 2294 *Q.*—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred from the allotment for Harijan Welfare towards establishment charges in 1953 in Ponneri taluk; and

(*b*) the actual amount of subsidy and aid given for the benefit of Harijans in the taluk in the year 1953?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

8-50 a.m. DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Questions Nos. 2295 to 2299 may be taken up together."

Method of voting in the ensuing Municipal Elections

* 2295 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to extend the system of marking on ballot papers against symbols in the coming elections to the Municipal Councils?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir."

* 2296 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the method of voting in the ensuing Municipal Elections in this State; and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Starred Question No. 2295."

* 2297 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision about the method of voting to be adopted in the ensuing elections to the Municipal Councils in the State; and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The voting will be by the method of marking against symbols printed on the ballot paper."

* 2298 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce a new voting system for the ensuing Municipal Council elections in the State; and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to starred question No. 2297."

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 925 infra.